

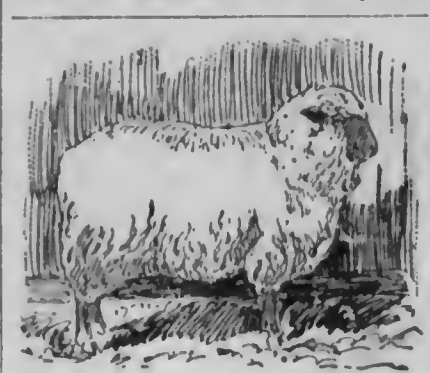
FAIRS are ancient and venerable with age. It is hard to discover truly whether the church fair was the father of all fairs or whether fairs were already existing national institutions with the Greeks and Romans before the church turned or was privileged to turn them to her own profit.

The "most commonly accepted derivation of the word fair is from *feriae*, a name which the church borrowed from Roman custom and applied to her own festivities." In England, it has been that "no fair could be held without a grant from the sovereign, or prescription which presupposes such grant." In France, the establishment or abolition of fairs, with the exception of cattle markets and the markets of the metropolis, were also under the direction of the government.

The Old World fairs were "great periodical markets, some of which

nent on the development of society was great indeed. Great commercial advantages came out of them and firm business relations were established by them between nations.

The Hopkins County Fair. THE Hopkins County Fair is a part of the great and universal system of industrial exhibitions for which the United States has become so famous in recent years,



and which, in its entirety, includes the thousands of county and state fairs and the mammoth exhibits of manufactures and products, made permanently or periodically in our principal cities. These things have been since Elkath Watson, of Albany, N. Y., succeeded in setting on foot the first American Fair in the year 1815. Let their glory and importance depart in no degree at the Hopkins County Fair, which has been potent and may become of greater and increasing value to the agricultural, stock-raising, mining and manufacturing interests of Hopkins and surrounding counties. There are immediate financial interest to be considered in that the people who come by thousands to a creditable fair such as the Hopkins County Fair has been in the past and will be at the coming meeting, bring large sums of money into the county annually. Upon this point, the better the fair, the better the profit, for a fair of greater and increasing interest and importance will annually draw larger crowds and more money.

Our Resources. TO resources of Hopkins, Webster, McLean and adjoining counties are almost unlimited, but if



the citizens of these counties do not exhibit these abundant resources how is the outside world to know anything about them? We may know all about what line corn and tobacco and wheat and grasses and pumpkins and "garden sass" the fertile fields of this wealthy and resourceful section will produce; what magnificent coal veins under those fertile fields, the immensity of their output, and that the Hopkins county product alone is about one fourth the entire output of the State; what splendid and capable housewives sit enthroned in our homes and how well they know the arts of comfortable housekeeping, and are endowed with aesthetic taste to make home beautiful; all about our stock and hogs and how they are being improved every year—and about



everything else that we have and are proud of. But the other fellow, who does

not live in this favored section, that we think is so good a country to dwell in, and yet realize what great development and improvement is possible, that other fellow does not know these things and we must tell him of them and prove our claims by making creditable and representative displays at these times, else he will be forced to an inevitable conclusion that this and adjoining counties and their people have little of the resources of which they boast or else that the people are devoid of that degree of public spirit and enterprise necessary to turn to account the advantages they possess. Let us make both



of these conclusions impossible. Our fair can become a very famous fair in the country round about if we will only make it so. It is already noted for its excellence and the progress it has made during the past few years. Let all hands and the cook fall to and make it it famous.

The Management. THE people should all know that the men whose money has kept the fair going are public spirited men whose means and labors have been sacrificed for the good of the county. They have realized no profit on their investment, but during the last four years they have spent much money in improving the building, the grounds and the exhibits. And this is the policy the management of the Hopkins County Fair will continue to pursue. As rapidly as the patronage of the fair increases the



A VIEW IN THE HALL.

management will devote the increased proceeds to the substantial improvement of fair grounds and the added attractiveness of more liberal premium lists. Every promise made by the management as to these improvements and extensions has been scrupulously fulfilled and the public may depend upon it that this course will be continued.

An Appeal to the Ladies. FOLLOWING is an address to the good women of Hopkins and adjoining counties issued by the directors of the Fair. This is an appeal in the right direction and will assuredly secure the cooperation of the ladies, whose help is indispensable.

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Aug. 16, 1897. DEAR MADAM:—The fifteenth annual meeting of the great Hopkins County Fair is now near at hand, and realizing the importance of having the active assistance of the ladies in our efforts to make it a grand success, we take the liberty of appealing to you to prepare some of the articles of your handiwork for exhibition in Floral Hall.



FINE NEEDLE WORK.

The premium list this year is unusually attractive, and comprises a wide range of woman's work.

Floral Hall, when full of tasty displays by the fair sex is an object of beauty in itself, and serves to favorably impress strangers and the general public. We trust that you will aid us this year in making a display of something, be it ever so small in your sight. We know that many ladies refrain from making exhibits because they do not think their display is as large as they would wish, but the Hall is made up of small displays, and everything that is exhibited

helps to swell the displays and add to the attractiveness and diversity of the exhibit. The fair in general this year will be the greatest we have ever held, and will be conducted in a manner that will appeal to the approval of all the better classes of our people.

We trust that you will aid us by your contribution to Floral Hall, by your presence, and by your kindly mention of the Fair to your neighbors and friends. Floral Hall will be open Tuesday, Aug. 24th, and until noon Wednesday, Aug. 25th, for reception of displays. Very respectfully,
JNO. B. ATKINSON,
H. H. HOLMES,
R. C. TAPP,
M. B. RAY,
C. C. GIVENS,
C. O. ORRISON,
Board of Directors.

Webster and McLean Counties.

Webster and McLean counties have both contributed to the interest and success of the Hopkins County Fair during the history of that institution, and the people of these closely neighboring counties will take part this year to a greater extent than ever before. The management of the Great Fair have admitted Webster and McLean people to equal competition and privileges with Hopkins county in all of the various departments of the Fair, and the action has been and will be appreciated. THE BEE has heard directly of some



things of considerable merit that will be exhibited from these counties that have never before been put on exhibition. Webster and McLean will in all likelihood be



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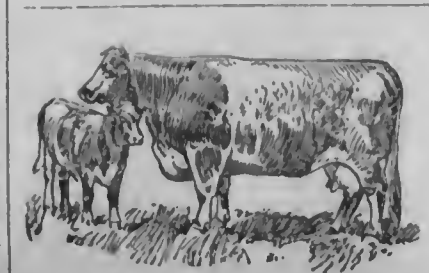
well represented, and a most hearty welcome will certainly be extended the people of these counties, who are our near and friendly neighbors and between whom and ourselves the relations, personal and commercial should be and are so cordial.

Come and let us bind yet more



strongly the ties of friendship and neighborly feeling that already exist and we will see that you have a good time.

Free Children's Day. THE management of the Hopkins County Fair has decided to set apart Wednesday, the first day of the Great Fair as "Children's Day." All children under the age of fifteen will be admitted at the gates on that day free of charge. In addition to the regular program for that day will be an exciting fox chase after a real fox. The balloon ascension, the acrobatic performances and many other things will especially delight the children. Bring or send your children along and let them have this day of pleasant outing free of charge.



Meet your old friends at the great Hopkins County Fair August 25, 26, 27, 28.

MINERS' DAY.

Thursday of Fair Week Devoted to Their Pleasure.

FREE TICKETS OF ADMISSION

Will Be Furnished by the Coal Operators for the Miners and Their Families.

MINERS' Day" at the great Hopkins County Fair will this year go on record as a memorable occasion. The special recognition given to this large and important class of Hopkins county citizens is well deserved and will illustrate to those who do not already know, if the program as outlined is well carried out, the numbers and importance of the coal miners of our county.

And as to the careful carrying out of the program, as arranged in full, there need be no sort of doubt. The officers of the Fair have established a reputation for fulfilling all their promises made to the public. The coal operators have entered heartily into the plan for "Miners' Day," the miners themselves and their families are looking forward to the occasion with pleasure, and that special day at the Fair cannot fail to be an unequalled success from every standpoint.

The coal operators of Hopkins county have agreed to shut down the mines of Thursday of the Fair and give every miner and his family free tickets of admission on that



CAPITAL AND LABOR.

day. It is not positively announced that every coal operator in the county has entered into this arrangement, but the largest operators have and it is expected that all will join in the movement for a grand day for the miners.

This will be the second great gathering of miners of Hopkins county within the past few years. The other occasion will be remembered, by the miners especially, as the big picnic given by the St. Bernard Coal Company to their employees at Loch Mary, in 1894, just after the close of the strike of that year. That was an impressive and memorable sight and proved how cordial the relations between the coal miner and operator of Hopkins county.

AN exciting event of the great Fair, which will be enjoyed by the lovers of the chase, is the fox chase that has been arranged for Wednesday, the first day of the Fair. A premium of \$5.00 will be given to the owner of the



DOGS AND WIND POWER.

dog that catches the fox. All dogs admitted to the chase. If you have fox dogs here is a chance to prove their worth before a crowd and establish a reputation. If you are a fox-hunter bring along your dogs. If you are not a fox-hunter come and see a genuine fox chase.

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kins county. Those relations still exist and are evidenced by the continuous working of all mines in the county the past few weeks when the business of coal mining throughout the country has been so thoroughly demoralized and so many thousands of miners have thrown away work and joined the crusade of "idleness and starvation."

It is expected that each miner will be furnished with a distinguishing badge and nothing will be too good for them at the Fair that day, the sight of such a multitude of the heroes of the mine, who farm the interior of old earth day after day, for the comfort of man and the welfare of the nation's commerce, will be good for the eyes of the people who farm the earth's surface or engage in other avocations and are unacquainted with the miners who constitute such a large and important part, numerically and otherwise, of the population of Hopkins county.

Hearty co-operation in this plan on the part of each coal operator of Hopkins and Webster counties will bring to the fair on Thursday, August 26th, no less than an aggregation of 5,000—miners and their families—hearing the distinguishing badge of their occupation.

The day selected for "Miners' Day" will also be one of the most attractive days as to its general features, and excellent entertainment will be furnished all who attend. The racing on that day will be quite attractive, as well as the stock rings, and everything in the Floral Hall will be in "apple pie order."

A grand balloon ascension, with thrilling parachute leap will be given daily, and the exciting performance on trapeze and in mid air which proved such a popular feature last year, will also be witnessed daily, free of charge, but this year with numerous added attractions by an expert troupe of fifteen star performers.

May "Miners' Day" at the Fair live long in the memory and customs of the people, and ever be, as it is this year, an evidence of firmly established and most cordial relations between the great mining population of Hopkins county and the wise, conservative and enterprising operators who make the "Miners' Day" this year.

THE FAIR TRAIN.

One Fare for the Round Trip and Special Accommodations

For Those Who Wish to Visit the Great Hopkins County Fair.

MADISONVILLE, AUGUST 25, 26, 27 AND 28.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company will run a special train on each of the four days of the great Fair as per following schedule:

Leave Henderson 6:35 a. m.
" Rankin 6:45 "
" Robards 7:05 "
" Squire 7:15 "
" Slaughter 7:35 "
" Hanson 7:50 "
Arriving at Madisonville at 8:05 a. m.
Leaving leave Madisonville at 6 p. m.

Tickets will be sold at the very low rate of one fare for the round trip and will be good returning on any regular train until August 31st.

The Fair at Madisonville has been growing in popularity each year for several years. The foregoing schedule and rates enable the people along the route to spend a day or more at this great exhibition with perfect convenience and at very small expense.

C. P. ARMOUR, G. P. A.
B. F. DICKSON, Supt.

The Silence of William J. Bryan.

(Rochester Post Express.)

William J. Bryan is keeping very still—for Bryan—these days. It certainly looks as though he had become more or less paralyzed by the country's fast returning prosperity. Perhaps he is at work upon a paper having for its object to demonstrate that Wall Street is responsible for the rise of wheat. He may argue that wheat was reluctant to advance, but was bulldozed into doing so by the goldbugs of that wicked street.

SPEED RING.

What is Offered on the Race Track at the Great Hopkins County Fair.

First Day.

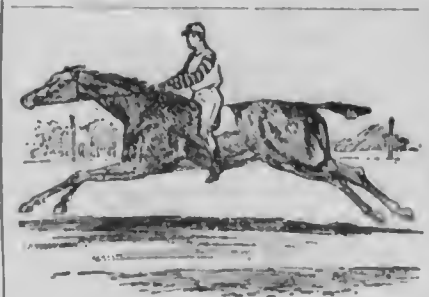
1st. Two-year old trot, 2 in 3, mile heats; purse \$30.00. \$20.00 to first, \$7.00 to second and \$3.00 to third.

2nd. Half mile heats, running, 2 in 3; purse \$60.00. \$40.00 to first, \$15.00 to second and \$5.00 to third.

3rd. Fast mule race, half mile dash; purse \$10.00. \$7.50 to first and \$2.50 to second.

Second Day.

1st. Free for all trot, mile



heats, 3 in 5; purse \$100.00. \$65.00 to first, \$25.00 to second and \$10.00 to third.

2nd. Half mile heats, running, 2 in 3; purse \$100.00. \$65.00 to first, \$25.00 to second and \$10.00 to third.

3rd. Three-quarter mile dash, running; purse \$75.00. \$50.00 to first, \$15.00 to second and \$10.00 to third.

Third Day.

1st. Buggy horse trot or pace, mile heats, 2 in 3, for Hopkins, Webster and McLean County horses only; entrance free; purse \$20.00. \$15.00 to first, \$5.00 to second.

2nd. Five eighths of a mile heats, running, 2 in 3; purse \$100.00. \$65.00 to first, \$25.00 to second and \$10.00 to third.

3rd. One mile dash, running; purse \$200.00. \$150.00 to first, \$30.00 to second and \$20.00 to third.

4th. Three-minute trot or pace,



3 in 5; purse \$100.00. \$65.00 to first, \$25.00 to second and \$10.00 to third.

Fourth Day.

1st. Free for all trot or pace, mile heats, 3 in 5; purse \$100.00. \$65.00 to first, \$25.00 to second and \$10.00 to third.

2nd. Three-quarter mile dash, running; purse \$150.00. \$100.00 to first, \$35.00 to second and \$15.00 to third.

3rd. Half mile heats, running, 2 in 3; purse \$100.00. \$65.00 to first, \$25.00 to second and \$10.00 to third.

4th. Fast mule race, one mile dash; purse \$10.00. \$7.50 to first and \$2.50 to second.

A Short Sermon on Temperance.

(Louisville Evening Post.)

Young Mr. Lielcke, the masher from St. Louis, was yesterday allowed to return home unchastised and a week's sensation ends.

But the experience of the week points a moral and adorns a tale.

The character of this scapegrace was known at least to a degree. His friends and acquaintances knew he was a dissipated fellow, drinking constantly, and drinking to excess.

The proper place for the young fellow was the street or the saloon. The doors of respectable houses should be closed to the young man who is known to get drunk.

The drunkard is irresponsible. He is sometimes jovial, sometimes brutal, always an object of avoidance on the part of reasonable men as he wanders about aimlessly, inflicting himself and his society on those who will receive or tolerate him.

The true force for temperance lies largely in social ostracism, at least for such men as Lielcke. And against such men ostracism is necessary for the comfort of men and women who do not get drunk. Close the doors against drunkards. Let it be known that men who get intoxicated sacrifice all claims to social recognition. Then young women visiting friends will not have to appeal to the police for protection from their escorts. There is a more effective weapon for temperance than any prohibition by law.

GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT.

The Most Instructive Exhibits of the Great Tennessee Centennial.

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

Most Beautiful Exposition Building Ever Erected by the Government.

Nashville, Aug. 17.—There are three classes of visitors who come to the Tennessee Centennial Exposition—those who come out of curiosity to see what has been done, those who wish to be able to say they have seen it, and those who really want to learn as much as possible from the instructive exhibits.

To the last class there is no other building that offers such an opportunity as does the Government Building. Here one has a chance to study the most interesting of the Government departments—the War Department, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Justice, the Treasury Department, the Navy Department, the Post-office Department, the Department of State, and last, but by no means the least interesting, the exhibit of the Fish Commission.

The building itself is a thing of beauty. White and fresh-looking as a June day, it extends 350 feet from east to west and 129 feet from north to south. It has been pronounced the handsomest building ever erected by the Government for an exposition, and it is not hard for one to believe the statement when he has looked upon this beautiful structure, its massive dome surmounting it like a giant's cap, and its big triple doors extending almost the full length of the walls.

At the west entrance stand two large black specimens of the cannon used in the civil war. As you enter the building and turn to the right you are confronted by a host of motionless soldiers, dressed in the uniforms of the nation of all periods. One might well be led to believe that he had gained entrance to the Valhalla of the warrior and had been admitted to a conference of American heroes of all ages. These wax figures are so life-like that one feels a trifle rude in staring at them so brazenly and so curiously. The Puritan soldier of 1620 and the Revolutionary veteran are on intimate terms with the West Point cadet of 1897.

In this exhibit you will also find all sorts of guns, ammunition, fuses and signals, ancient and modern. Here, too, you may see relics of the Greely expedition, and the hatchet and flag which Lockwood and Brainerd carried with them in their Arctic explorations. On the left hangs a silken guidon, a relic of Custer's ill-starred cavalry.

The exhibits of the Department of the Interior are divided into four branches—the Bureau of Education, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Patent Department and the Department of Geological Survey. Of these the most interesting is the geological exhibit, which contains many rare minerals and fossils. Most of the Indian exhibit is taken up with the work of the students of the Carlisle Indian School.

The Department of Agriculture is very interesting to the scientist and to the farmer. The most popular part of this exhibit is the display of stuffed birds, prairie dogs, ground squirrels and gophers. The farmer is especially interested in the division of pomology, where are to be found models of big apples and plums, and the real pineapple from Florida.

The Treasury Department is full of interest to the casual observer as well as the careless student. Everyone is interested in the coinage of money. There seems to be a fascination about every process connected with coin. The making of it, while not quite so attractive as the getting is always a thing of great interest to visitors. The big compress on exhibition has been in

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